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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

(Law Officers)

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW OFFICERS OF HIGH COURT OF MADRAS AND ITS BENCH AT MADURAI
(APPOINTMENT) RULES, 2017.

[G.O. Ms. No. 291, Public (Law Officers), 28th May 2021, வைகாசி 14, பிலவ, திருவண்ணாவர் ஆண்டு-2052.]

No. SRO A-11(b)/2021.

The following amendments are made to the Law Officers of High Court of Madras and its Bench at Madurai (Appointment) Rules, 2017:-

2. The amendments hereby made shall come into force on the 28th May, 2021.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules:-

(1) in rule 2, -

(a) clause (c) shall be omitted;

(b) for clause (e), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

"(e)" "**Government Advocate (Civil / Criminal side)**" means an Advocate appointed by the Government or an Advocate recommended by the Advocate General appointed on an adhoc basis by the Government to represent the Government cases for a period of three months, to assist the Advocate General, Additional Advocate General, State Government Pleader, Government Pleader, Special Government Pleader, Additional Government Pleader, Public Prosecutor, Additional Public Prosecutor or to conduct such Civil / Criminal cases as may be entrusted to him for and on behalf of the State in the High Court, including preparation of pleadings";

(c) for clause (g), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :-

"(g) "**Government Law Officers**" means an Advocate General, Additional Advocate General, State Government Pleader, Government Pleader, Special Government Pleader, Additional Government Pleader, Public Prosecutor, Additional Public Prosecutor and Government Advocate (Civil / Criminal side);"

(d) for clause (i), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

"(i) "**Public Prosecutor / Additional Public Prosecutor**" means an Advocate appointed as the Public Prosecutor/ Additional Public Prosecutor, under Section 24 of the Code of Criminal Procedure";

(2) in rule 4, in clause (i),-

(a) for sub-clause (b), the following sub-clause, shall be substituted, namely:-

"(b) as a Public Prosecutor or Additional Public Prosecutor unless he has been in practice as an Advocate for not less than seven years";

(b) in sub-clause (g), in the tabular column,-

(i) serial No.3 and the entries thereto shall be deleted;

(ii) serial No.6 and the entries thereto shall be deleted;

(c) serial Nos. 1, 2, 3a, 4, 5 and 7 shall be re-numbered as serial Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively;

(d) in sub-clause (k), for the expression "as a Government Advocate," the expression "as a Government Advocate (Civil/Criminal Side)" shall be substituted;

(3) in rule 5, -

(a) for sub-rule (3), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:-

"(3) The Government shall invite applications in the format prescribed in Annexure – I from eligible advocates by putting up notice in the recognized Bar Association, for the posts mentioned in Rule 5 (1)";

(b) after sub-rule (9), the following sub-rule shall be added, namely:-

"(10) The Government may appoint any eligible advocate as Government Law Officer temporarily for a period of not more than six months in a post falling vacant due to resignation or otherwise, considering the exigency";

(4) in rule 6, -

(a) in sub-rule (1), for the expression "except Government Advocates", the expression "except Government Advocates (Civil/Criminal Side)" shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-rule (2), for the expression "Government Advocate", the expression "Government Advocate (Civil / Criminal Side)" shall be substituted;

(5) in Annexure-I , in the Form, in para 24, in sub-para (b),the expression "Public Prosecutor" and "Additional Public Prosecutor" shall be omitted;

V. IRAI ANBU,
Chief Secretary.